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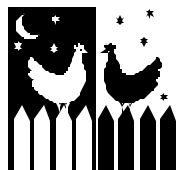
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was slow to fair, best where scattered retail ads and fast food promotions were active. As for next week's first of the month business, very little optimism was present. Supplies were adequate to ample and although discounted, remained difficult to clear. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with increased activity where discounted product was obtained for features. Supplies of all items were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/29-11/03/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-54.00	49.00-57.00	52.33	24
Los Angeles	70.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.00-64.50	44.00-66.00	64.37	78

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 65.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
681	59.43-67.25	65.15
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	199.00	1,271
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	3,984
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,103
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.50	780
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,808
WINGS	100.00	2,862

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's majority. The market tone on whole fryers was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product were plentiful with buyers non-aggressive and cautious. Retail demand was slow to fair at best. Food service movement was mostly light, fairly good into a few fast food accounts. Several players noted little optimism for pick up in demand early next week for first of the month. Floor stocks were adequate to ample with sizes desirable to heavier than desired. Parts movement was generally inactive with trade interests preoccupied with lack of demand. Supplies of all items continued to be readily available, discounted, slow to clear. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on all items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Retail and food service demand entering the week-end was slightly better, but still light and below expectations. Supplies were at least adequate with regular commitments usually sufficient. In the parts structure, availability of all items easily outweighed the limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak with prices on next week's deliveries trending mainly 1 cent lower. Offerings ample with discounting the rule to move extra product. Retailer demand light overall. Dealers kept floor stocks down and anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Parts weak. Ads noted: Southern California- whole southern 59-99, whole California 59-69, boneless breasts 177-348, boneless leg meat 99-138, rib breasts 129, whole legs 88, leg quarters 39-77, 10lb bag 490, wings 129-159, thighs 59-88, drums 59-88, cornish hens 98-189, chix corn dogs 3lb 398-549, chix hot dogs and bologna 129; Arizona- boneless breasts 199-299, boneless thigh meat 199, leg quarters 79, 10lb bag 390, thighs 98, drums 98, roasters 99-119.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to no better than moderate entering the weekend as dealers remained very cautious and unaggressive. Offerings of all sizes were ample and available at discounted levels. Distributive draw was about fair as dealers attempted to keep floorstocks as closely balanced as possible. However, retail movement ranged fair to instances fairly good where scattered promotional activity was a factor. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were ample an discounted. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were readily available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend; however, seller offerings remained readily available and were discounted in several instances to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights continued in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Buyer interest increased as expected, often a direct result of attractively priced offerings from sellers seeking to clear floor stocks.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.95
NO. OF BOXES	14,305
CUMULATIVE	
10/22/01-10/26/01	56.58
10/23/00-10/27/00	54.75
NO. OF BOXES	
10/22/01-10/26/01	67,933
10/23/00-10/27/00	68,664

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	951	110.00-189.00	120-130	126.17	902	108.00-189.00	120-130	124.79	4,496	127.12	
TENDERLOINS	85	120.00-225.00	120-130	154.89	85	115.00-210.00	115-125	147.78	531	147.08	
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	65.00-69.50	-	68.16	74	63.00-69.50	-	68.14	373	68.25	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				315	58.89	
LEGS	89	39.00-57.00	38-41	40.82	129	39.00-56.00	39-42	42.28	605	42.04	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	29.00-35.00	29-31	29.86	476	26.00-33.00	29-31	29.09	2,361	30.05	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,320	31.00-37.00	32-33	33.52	1,290	31.00-35.50	32-33	33.27	6,370	33.74	
WINGS (WHOLE)	315	88.00-102.00	99-102	100.19	273	88.00-102.00	99-100	99.51	1,943	102.93	
WINGS (CUT)	404	100.00-121.50	109-112	111.77	483	100.00-118.00	108-110	110.04	1,869	111.23	
DRUMSTICKS	68	50.00-57.00	50	50.82	69	50.00-56.00	50	50.78	341	50.82	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				141	53.39	
B/S THIGHS	70	87.00-98.50	-	96.14	70	87.00-96.00	-	94.71	280	95.46	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR OCT 25, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TRADING FOR OCT 26, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S
RANGE
43.25 - 47.50

TODAY'S
AVERAGE
44.31

TODAY'S
RANGE
41.50 - 46.50

TODAY'S
AVERAGE
43.80

5-DAY
AVERAGE
44.44

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest increased slightly entering the weekend, but overall demand remained disappointing and elusive. Offerings of breast items were ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were fully adequate and also available at discounted levels. Retail movement had picked up in some areas of the Northeast, particularly where buyers were able to take advantage of attractively priced product for promotional activity. However, distributive dealers were keeping floorstocks as closely balanced as possible and as standing commitments were reassessed reductions were not uncommon. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

OCT 26

CURRENT NEG				CURRENT NEG				WEEKLY	
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	120-125	132.65	466,640	120	121.05	350,960	130.63	2,240,380	
TENDERLOINS	120	119.05	127,320	115	119.76	62,863	120.98	608,022	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	65.79	337,520	56-57	65.20	312,040	66.67	1,520,040	
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	60.25	172,800	56	59.65	157,240	60.51	709,840	
LEGS	42-43	46.58	240,040	42-43	46.25	144,960	47.01	1,030,200	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.27	651,313	31-32	31.77	459,798	33.34	2,839,610	
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	43.59	234,750	40-41	42.78	87,150	45.21	745,490	
THIGHS	37-38	45.19	145,780	37-38	42.96	68,020	45.32	585,010	
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.92	78,320	87-88	82.11	77,480	88.36	424,630	
WINGS (WHOLE)	96-97	104.33	430,520	94-95	95.95	264,956	103.61	1,867,636	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	13.48	23,044	10-12	12.19	34,360	12.22	234,488	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.27	17,748	30-35	32.14	14,280	38.70	187,988	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.55	39,720	45-50	54.09	30,040	54.66	299,988	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
		10/26	10/25	10/24	10/23	10/24	10/23	10/19	10/17
ALA		3,957	4,061	3,949	4,042	5.09	5.14	4,076	5.07
ARK		5,288	5,297	5,076	5,216	4.85	4.94	5,221	4.95
DELMARVA		2,210	2,315	2,262	2,200	5.04	5.01	2,215	4.98
KY-LA-TN		1,989	2,065	1,996	1,986	4.61	4.62	1,921	4.50
MISS		2,798	2,896	2,609	2,829	5.20	5.14	2,837	5.10
NC		2,764	2,646	2,594	2,617	5.90	5.98	2,563	5.99
TEXAS		2,475	2,386	2,359	2,400	4.87	4.95	2,626	4.96
TOTAL		21,481	21,666	20,845	21,290	5.07	5.11	21,459	5.09
MON-FRI107,066(A)								105,786(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Oct 01 and 27-Oct-01 is estimated to be 32,138,000 down 0.20 percent from a week ago and down 0.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,201,000; last year 32,229,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Oct-01 is estimated to be 155,149,000 head down 1.1

percent from a week ago, and up 0.8 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,885,000 Last year 153,982,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-97
	DRY PACK 97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending October 13, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down (B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs (C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,622	25,253	42,465
Avg Weight	3.73	4.70	6.14
% of total /1	26%	28%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	19,784	22,689	39,278
Avg Weight	3.78	4.78	6.21
% of total /1	24%	28%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,288	43,626	41,291
Avg Weight	3.67	4.76	6.20
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
To date/2001	1,289,776	1,127,390	1,779,275
To date/2000	1,356,171	1,373,287	1,652,090

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Oct-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,885 (A)	1,697	1,519	3,216	503
AVG WT	5.12	3.43	7.98	5.58	7.08
LAST WEEK	156,472	1,989	1,446	3,435	562
SAME WK YR AGO	156,273	1,463	1,813	3,276	470
AVG WT	4.97	3.66	7.90	6.01	6.43
TO-DATE/2001	6,473,574	74,913	58,165	133,078	21,202
TO-DATE/2000	6,496,656	79,795	61,203	140,998	18,827

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.8 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 23, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .94	Silkie	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .84	Geese	
Pekin Ducks	.10 - .20	9-14 LBS	.30 - .44
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .44	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .94	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.50 - 1.04	4-6 LBS	.70 - 1.10
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.30 - .96	7-11 LBS	.70 - .94
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 - 6.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.30 - .94	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.80	Goats	40.00 - 70.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 36.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Doves	5.00 - 7.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .18	Pullets	
		4-6 LBS	.60 - .72
		Total Coops Sold	860

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 22-OCT-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-69	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances good. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 22-OCT-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 15	161.9	155.5	104	4.97
22	162.8	157.2	104	5.16
29	162.6	155.7	104	5.01
OCTOBER 6	159.6	155.4	103	5.10
13	158.4	155.3	102	5.04
20	158.8	154.2	103	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	6552.4	6499.4	101	
OCTOBER 27		155.7		
NOVEMBER 3		155.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

-----THOUSANDS-----					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>10/27/01</u>	<u>10/20/01</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>10/21/00</u>	<u>% CHG</u>
Broilers	155,149	156,885*	-01	153,982*	+01
Cattle	685	683	0*	714	-04
Hogs	2,043	2,082	-02	2,046*	0
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were in a full range of short to adequate, but usually in good balance. Undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 32.5-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.25-28.5 MAJORITY 26.25-27	32.5-41 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Demand was light and unaggressive. Canners movement was fair to moderate with offerings generally adequate for trade needs. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was at best moderate for irregular but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product sales were usually good and clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked near full schedules. Offerings adequate.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canner supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone on live hens were mixed but at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product sales were clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

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